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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of Eskuchen, et al.

Serial No.: Examiner: Unknown
Filed: Art Unit:
Title: THE PROCESS FOR PREPARING ALKYL AND/OR ALKENYL
OLIGOGLYCOSIDES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants disclose to the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDC form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents and evidence that consideration by notation on the IDC. The relevance of the cited non-English documents is explained in the specification, or in the attached copy of the International Search Report mailed 29 September 1998 in International Application No. PCT/EP98/01851.

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Therefore applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of each listed document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of them

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be applied against the claims.

No office action on the above-referenced application has been received by Applicant, and therefore no fee for submitting this IDS is believed to be due. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 if any fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 is deemed necessary for the references to be considered.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

1. IDC w/references
2. International Search Report (English)